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SUBJECT: PGNU DECLARATION ON PROTESTS AND EXILES

1. THE PGNU ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE MAY 17, CARRIED IN LAO PRESSE ON MAY 19, WHICH STATES THAT SINCE A NUMBER OF CIVIL AND MILITARY OFFICIALS HAD FLED ABROAD, PARTICULARLY TO THAILAND, IT WAS MAKING THE FOLLOWING DECLARATIONS:

A) THE PGNU FIRMLY SUPPORTS THE VIENTIANE ACCORD AND ITS PROTOCOL, THE 18-POINT POLITICAL PROGRAM, AND THE PROGRAM OF DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS AS THE ONLY WAY TO PRESERVE PEACE AND NATIONAL CONCORD, AND AS THE BASE OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY.

B) THE PGNU BELIEVES THAT THE PROTEST MOVEMENTS DEMANDING THE EXPULSION OF REACTIONARY RIGHTISTS ARE JUSTIFIED. THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO SATISFY THEIR DEMANDS.

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C) AS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TEMPORARILY TAKEN REFUGE ABROAD,

THE GOVERNMENT INVITES THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES
AND TO WORK AS IN THE PAST. THE SECURITY OF ALL LAO
OR FOREIGNERS WHO FOLLOW THEIR CALLINGS IN AN HONEST
WAY WILL BE GUARANTEED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE LAWS
ON DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS.

D) AS FOR POLITICAL EXILES, THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT
PARDON THEM UNLESS THEY ARE CONSCIOUS OF THEIR FAULTS
AND RECOGNIZE THEIR ERRORS BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT AND
THE PEOPLE. IN THAT CASE, THEY WILL BE PARDONED AND
WILL REGAIN ALL THEIR RIGHTS AS CITIZENS ON THEIR
RETURN. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT RETURN TO LAOS WITHING
THE SPECIFIED PERIOD (NOT STIPULATED IN COMMUNIQUE) THE
GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ALL THOSE MEASURES FORSEEN BY LAW.

2. THE STATEMENT CONCLUDES BY ASKING ALL NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES (READ THAILAND) NOT TO ACCORD ASYLUM TO
LAO POLITICAL EXILES.
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